

Brookline Preservation Commission

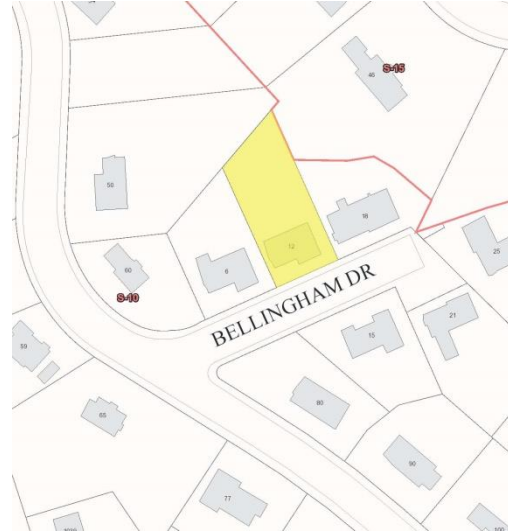
Demolition Application Report

Address: 12 Bellingham Drive

Applicant: Ben Saada

Building Type: House

National Register Listing (if Applicable): N/A



Historical/Architectural Significance:

The lot for 12 Bellingham Drive, formally known as Helvic Street, was first laid out in 1930, however, the dwelling was not constructed until 1953 by Paul Sardella and designed by Ralph I. Williams of Wollaston, Mass. R.I. Williams designed numerous mid-twentieth century homes in Brookline beginning in the 1930s and his designs are visible on Aston Road, Woodcliff Road, Welland Road, Blake Road, Goddard Circle, Hilltop Road, Lagrange Street, Newton Street, Princeton Road, Rangeley Road, and Valley Road. He is also known to have worked on a number of mid-twentieth century subdivisions in Newton. While different in design, Sardella and Williams also partnered on 6 and 21 Bellingham Drive the same time as 12. Neighboring 15, 18 and 25 Bellingham Drive completed the cul de sac by 1962. All of the structures on the street, built within a 9 year span, still have remnants of their midcentury design.

Red painted metal casement windows are evident on the façade and side elevations of 12 Bellingham Drive, and blend with the large picture window on the façade. The low pitched cross gable asphalt roof projects the house forward on the right side, and a brick chimney runs up the left side of the dwelling. It appears that no substantial exterior changes have occurred since 12 Bellingham Drive's construction, and the only building permit that exists is for the construction itself. For an unknown reason a rear extension has never been reflected on the Town's assessor's maps.

The house at 12 Bellingham Drive meets the following criteria for an initial determination of significance:

- c. The building is associated with one or more significant historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social history of the Town or Commonwealth; and
- d. The building is historically or architecturally significant in terms of its period, style, method of construction, or its association with a significant architect or builder, either by itself or as part of a group of buildings.



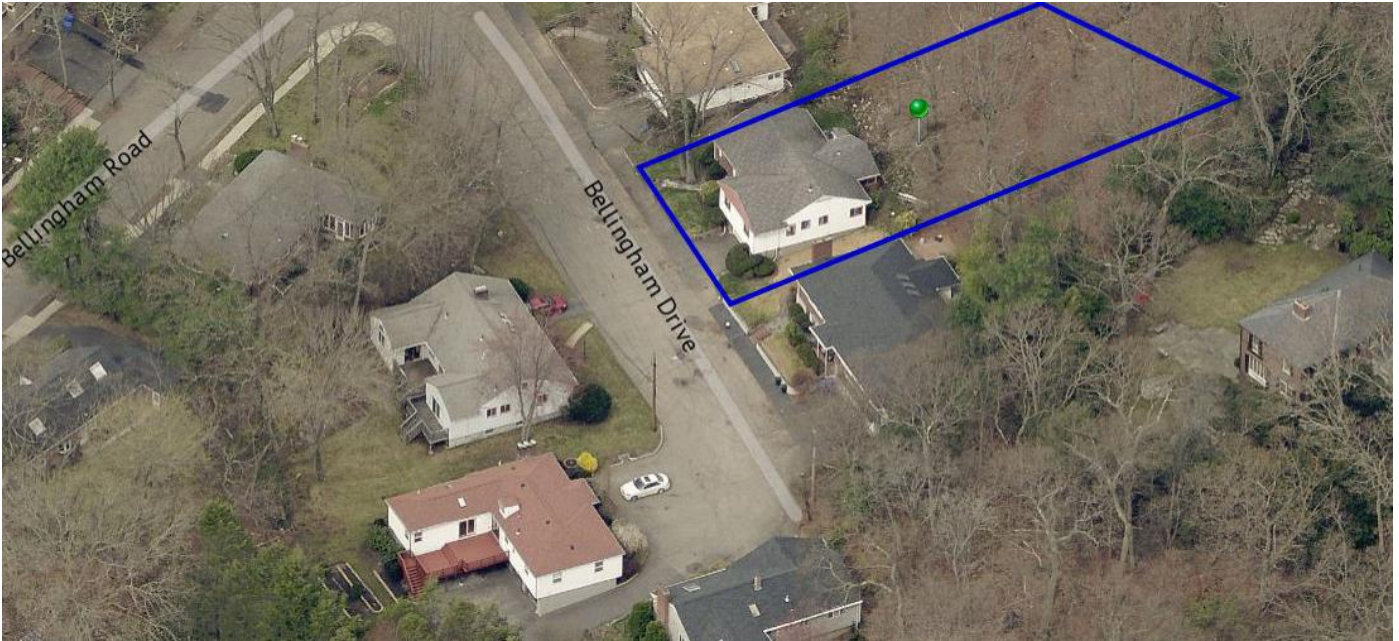
Aerial view of 12 Bellingham Drive looking north.



Aerial view of 12 Bellingham Drive, looking east.



Aerial view 12 Bellingham Drive, looking south.



Aerial view of 12 Bellingham Drive, looking west



Photograph of the façade of 12 Bellingham Drive



Photograph of the entry and façade of 12 Bellingham Drive



Photograph of the façade and right side of 12 Bellingham Drive



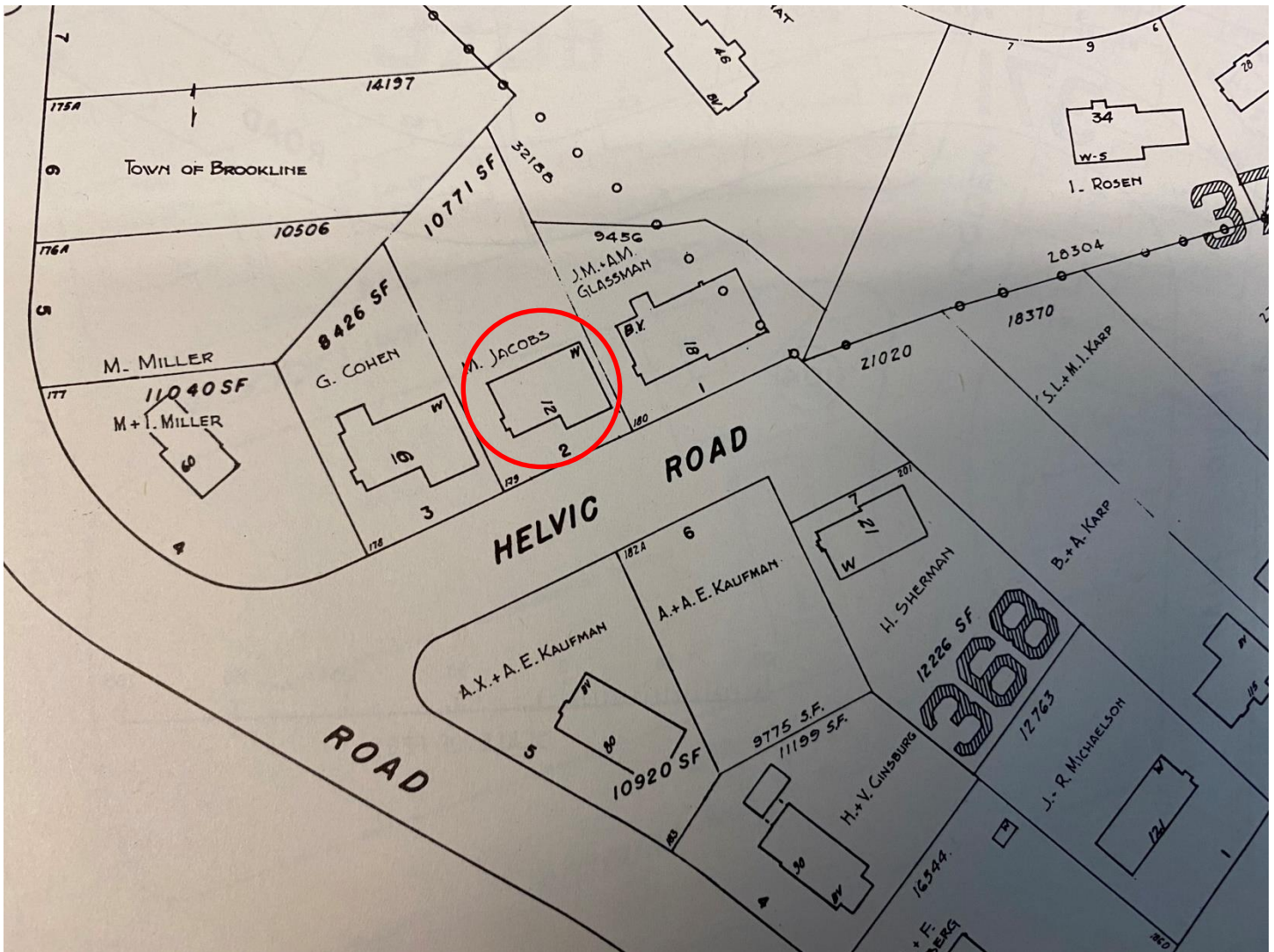
Google Street view image of 6 Bellingham Drive



Google Street view image of 21 Bellingham Drive



Google street view of Bellingham Drive



1956 Town Atlas prior to the change of the street name to Bellingham Drive and prior to the construction of numbers 15 (1960) and 25 (1962) Bellingham Drive. 12 Bellingham Drive is circled in red.